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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE

REF: A. DOHA 0991; B. DOHA 1023

1. AS MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM AND FINANCE SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ DEPARTS DOHA EARLY MORNING AUG 25 FOR STATES FOR UN AND IMF/IBRD MEETINGS, IT IMPERATIVE WE RECEIVE NIACT IMMEDIATE ANSWER TO REFTEL A REQUEST BEFORE 0500 AM QATAR TIME, WHICH IS 8 HOURS AHEAD OF WASHDC.

2. ABDUL AZIZ CALLS REGULARLY, OR FINDS ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, TO ASK ME IF I HAVE RECEIVED AN ANSWER YET TO HIS REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. I HAVE BEEN PUTTING HIM OFF WITH ONE STALLING TACTIC OR ANOTHER HOPING FOR AN ANSWER, AND HE KNOWS THIS. ABDUL AZIZ DOES NOT EVEN SEE THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH THE SECRETARY IS PRESENTLY INVOLVED AS SUFFICIENT REASON WHY HIS REQUEST CANNOT BE GRANTED.

3. I THINK WE OWE ABDUL AZIZ THE COURTESY OF AN OFFICIAL ANSWER TO HIS REQUEST, EVEN IF IT IS NOTHING MORE THAN WE DON'T KNOW YET AND WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU AT SUCH AND SUCH AN ADDRESS IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. I THINK THAT THIS IS THE LEAST WE CAN DO FOR A MINISTER WHO IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THIS LITTLE COUNTRY AND WHO COULD BE VERY IMPORTANT TO US. AREN'T WE HERE FOR BUSINESS? IF WE ARE, THEN THIS IS NOT THE WAY
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A BANKER TREATS A PERSON WHO HAS A BILLION DOLLARS IN THE

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COMPETITORS BANKS. LET'S TREAT QATAR A LITTLE BETTER, AND HELP
THEM GET A LITTLE EXPOSURE, IF WE CAN.

4. PLEASE ADVISE AS REQUESTED.
YOUNG

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